LETTER ABOUT HIBISCUS

Dear Sondra:

Please tell your father-in-law that I have four Tom McCahill hibiscus plants and they are all doing fine. I watch over them like a mother hen and when winter cold snaps come, which can drop to twenty in these parts, I actually put out an electric heater which covers all four, as they are planted in a protected corner. Two years ago just about every plant I had, including orange and grapefruit trees, were killed by a heavy frost, but not the hibiscus, thanks to Ben Franklin's discovery of electricity.

Sincerely
Tom McCahill

Tom McCahill is a writer for "Mechanix Illustrated" for whom Ross Gast named the Hibiscus, "Tom McCahill." This letter was written to Mrs. Sondra Gast in "sunny" California. Mr. McCahill resides in Daytona Beach.

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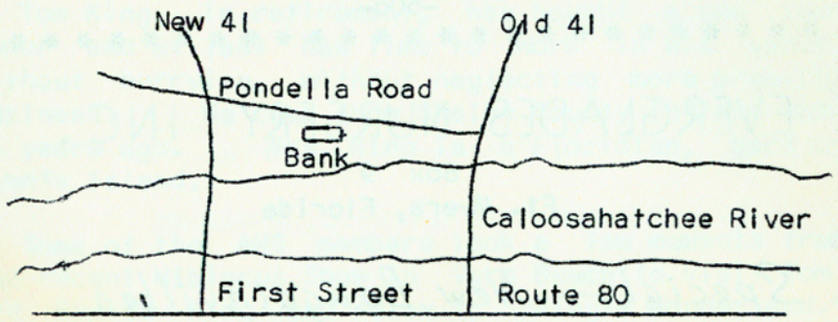

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VISITOR FROM VENEZUELA

Mr. Lino Diazzi from Venezuela was a visitor at the Indian River Chapter show recently. He is owner of Plantas Potrerito which is one of the largest nurseries in Venezuela.

Mr. Diazzi was in the country to pick up more hibiscus varieties to take back to his nursery. He has been importing hibiscus cuttings for about a year now. He has some two hundred varieties in the process of getting started and plans to increase this number shortly.

We were very lucky in that one of the members of the Indian River Chapter could speak Sapnish so that we could exchange information with Mr. Diazzi. He tells us that we can expect him back next year to some of the shows and that by then he will speak to us in English. From the looks of the list of varieties he made at the show he will have little time other than for grafting hibiscus.

He told us of his method of grafting and the wax technique he uses. More later after his next letter. He also got a chance to visit with Tom and Eunice King at their garden and with Dave and Edna Donaldson at their nursery.

See you next year Mr. Diazzi. Can't promise that we will speak Spanish however.

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"Little boy, don't you know what becomes of boys who use such bad language when they play marbles?"
"Yes'm, they grow up and play golf."

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Sherlock Holms: "Ah, Watson, I see you have on your winter underwear."
Dr. Watson: "Remarkable, Holms, Remarkable, how did you ever deduce that?"
Holms: "You forgot to put on your pants."